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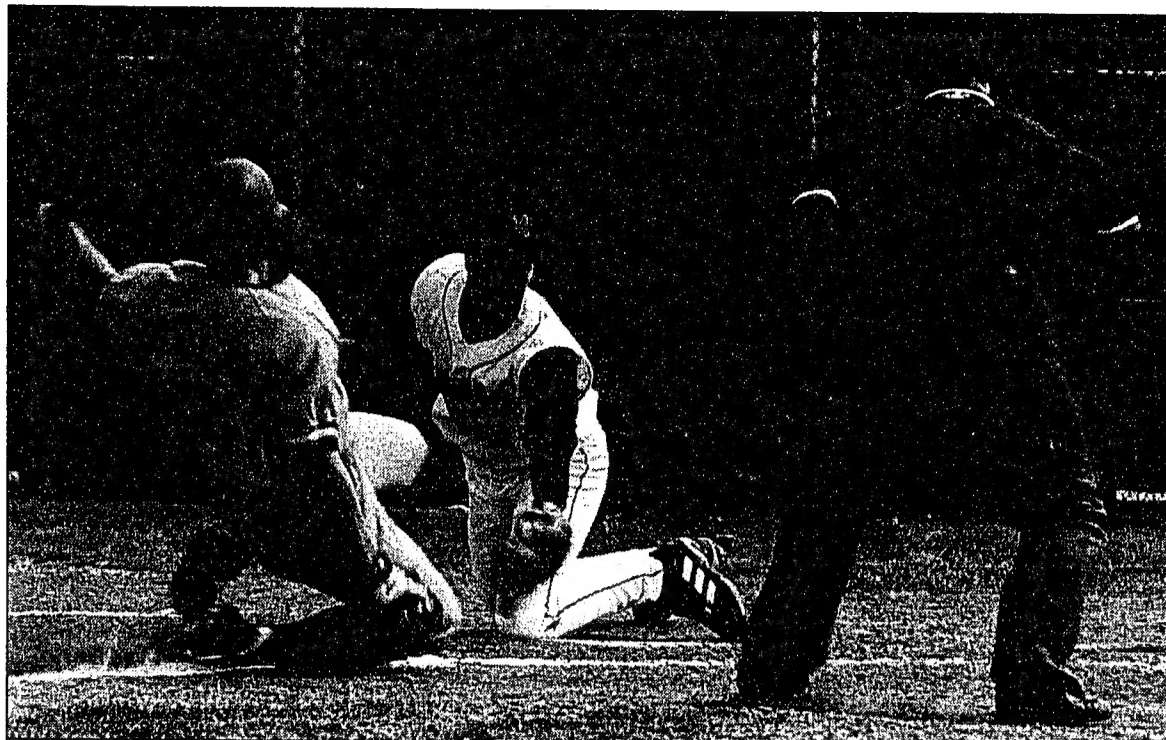
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Maverick pitcher Eric Gordon tries to cover home plate as Rockhurst's Brad Nelson slides home. The UNO catcher was on the mound after trying to catch a fly ball.

New grading scale up for vote April 11

Matt McNeil

On Dec. 5 University of Nebraska-Lincoln academic senator Jim Ford made a motion to change UNL's grading scale. The proposed change, approved by a 38-13 vote on February 6, 2001, would follow a plus/minus scale. This change adds a minus to the current grading scheme. University of Nebraska at Kearney also approved the change to their grading scale in February.

UNO's Faculty Senate has assigned the academic and curricular affairs committee with the task of looking at changing the grading scale.

"If there is a significant drop in student GPAs, we'll look for ways to adjust the standards for the students."

UNL's academic senate listed the following reasons for the change: by adopting this grading scale, UNL will join 85 percent of the universities in the United States where minus scales are available. The plus/minus scale would also allow for finer distinction in grading student achievements. According to the UNL senate proposal Web site, the new scale would allow easy modification to the standards for university scholarships based on GPA.

Despite the academic challenges the proposed change offers, there has been opposition to the changes. UNL Student President Regent Nathan Fuerst has received several e-mails from concerned students about how the minus scale would affect students who are

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Nathan Fuerst
UNL Student President
Regent

Mavs open conference play

Cory Carlson

The UNO baseball team took a doubleheader from Rockhurst (Mo.) Monday at J.J. Isaacson Field in its first true home game of the year. UNO (9-14-1) defeated the Hawks 5-3 in the first game and 4-2 in the second.

The first game saw UNO jump to a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. The Maverick offense produced nine hits, including a four-hit, fourth inning that saw three runners cross home plate.

Freshman Jake Wurth had a two-RBI double, and junior Josh Johnson singled home Wurth to end the scoring. Sophomore right-hander Eric Gordon got the win, scattering six hits in seven innings for UNO.

Wurth was exceptional in the

second game, also scoring two runs. UNO shelled Hawk junior right-hander Josh Lee for 11 hits, including a pair of two-run innings.

UNO sophomore first-baseman Justin Cook went 2-for-3, and is hitting .317 on the year. Junior John Forseman got his first win of the season. Senior reliever Jim O'Conner recorded the save.

UNO's Wurth is hitting .322, and has stolen 12 bases in 12 attempts this year.

Up next for UNO is the North Central Conference opener in a double-dip with Morningside College at J.J. Isaacson this weekend. First pitch is set for 1 p.m. on Friday and noon on Saturday.

Morningside is 11-6, and riding an eight-game winning streak. The

Mustangs drew a season-high 10 walks against Briar Cliff College in the second game of a doubleheader last week. They also cranked out a season-best 15 hits against Briar Cliff in the first game.

The Mustangs are led by center-fielder Andy Wolf. Wolf is riding a nine-game hitting streak. He has eight multiple-hit games, and bats .400 in 17 starts.

Its top hurler is J.D. Scholten who has a 4-0 record and a 1.12 earned run average in 25 innings pitched. Scholten leads the team with 23 strikeouts.

GENISYS makes exodus

Melissa Kucirek

The GENISYS system went offline this week for just over 23 hours. It was running again April 3.

GENISYS Web is the online catalog of University Library. It provides call numbers and locations for books, periodicals, non-print media, U.S. documents and Nebraska documents.

"The problem was a faulty power supply on the server," Manager of Support Services Marc Davis said.

Davis said a new server had been installed on March 13. About 12:20 p.m. April 2, the system shut down.

Innovative Interfaces Inc., the company that made the new software and the hardware, had to be called in order to start on the repair.

"Since it's a turn-key system, we can't open the case until he gets here," Davis said. "All we know is that it stopped."

Repairs included a brand new power supply. Davis said he doesn't expect the shutdown to occur again. Costs of the maintenance by Innovative Interfaces, Inc. were free of charge.

"We're under a maintenance agreement," Davis said. "Because of the turn-key system, we're not allowed to maintain it."

GENISYS does not include contents of periodicals or materials located in other libraries.

Reference desk worker Carol Zoerb said the library couldn't access UNO's own card catalog, so it used the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's card catalog instead.

"The call numbers are pretty much the same from library to library," Zoerb said. "Everybody has been pretty understanding. Hopefully this means more people will have to come into the library because they can't use it (GENISYS) at home."

Lithuanian sister university choir visits UNO



T.J. Accola

More than 100 audience members were treated to the delightful sounds of a visiting Lithuanian choir Tuesday night at the Strauss Performing Arts Center.

The Studium Mixed Choir of Siauliai University in Lithuania delivered an hour-long set of traditional and new pieces, including "Lamentations of Jeremiah," a piece written by UNO Director of Choral Activities Dr. Z. Randall Stroope.

The Studium's visit marked the third time since 1997 the group of student singers has appeared at UNO.

The concert was capped by the group's rendition of "America the Beautiful," and a Lithuanian anthem, followed by a joint performance with the UNO Concert Choir of "Cloudburst" and Stroope's piece.

As part of a sister university program, the UNO Concert Choir toured Lithuania in March 1998 and is planning a return trip for May of next year.

Forensics team competes in Czech Republic

Christine Hollister

Six members of the UNO forensics team spent eight days in Eastern Europe to compete at the International Forensics Tournament in Prague, Czech Republic, over spring break.

In addition to time spent in Prague, students Joe Rohacik, Nichole Kathol, Cory Clark, Natasha Patterson, Jenni Murray and Abbie Farrens, along with Forensics Coach Tim Steffensmeier, traveled to Frankfurt, Bratislava and Vienna.

"We visited four countries in eight days," Kathol said. "It was non-stop, but we managed to see more than most people see."

UNO placed seventh out of 25 schools competing in the tournament in Prague, with Rohacik placing third in after-dinner speech, Kathol placing third in poetry and Patterson advancing to the semi-finals in poetry.

The team visited tourist spots such as the St. Charles Bridge but chose to focus instead on seeing parts of the city that were not so well-known to tourists.

"We spent more time seeing the little things instead of spending all of our time on the tourist spots," Kathol said. "I'm glad we got to go with Tim because we got to see authentic culture instead of processed culture."

From Prague, the group traveled to Bratislava, Slovakia, to present a forensics workshop to students at a local British school. The workshop gave team members an opportunity to work with 20 students at the school.

"Bratislava is a town of about 400,000 about 45 minutes from Vienna," Steffensmeier said. "You could really see



The UNO forensics team visited the Czech Republic for the International Forensics Tournament. (back row, from left) Tim Steffensmeier, Nichole Kathol, Cory Clark, Joe Rohacik (front row, from left) Natasha Patterson, Jenni Murray and Abbie Farrens are all part of the team.

the effects of communism there, but because of the size, it kind of felt like Omaha."

Kathol said the most rewarding part of the trip for her was working with the students in Bratislava.

"The teachers told us that we got the kids who normally just get through class to enjoy themselves with literature," Kathol

said. "I think they related to us and saw it could be done."

After the workshop, a showcase speech presentation was delivered to the faculty and Headmaster of the school. Following the three days spent in Slovakia, the team spent its final day in Vienna.

"I haven't been to Europe before and I'm glad I got the chance to see some

Eastern European cities to make the contrast before seeing Western Europe," Kathol said. "I didn't expect the trip to affect me as much as it did."

The Forensics team will compete in the national forensics tournament at George Mason University today through Monday.

News note

Rock-A-Thon

UNO hockey players will be available for free autographs as the Sigma Kappa sorority raises money for the National Foundation for Alzheimer's at its Rock-A-Thon. The event takes place April 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bakers Eagle Run, located at 132nd Street and West Maple Road.

From noon to 1:30 p.m. several UNO hockey players will sign autographs for the public. Various prizes, which include a limo ride and manicure gift certificates, can be

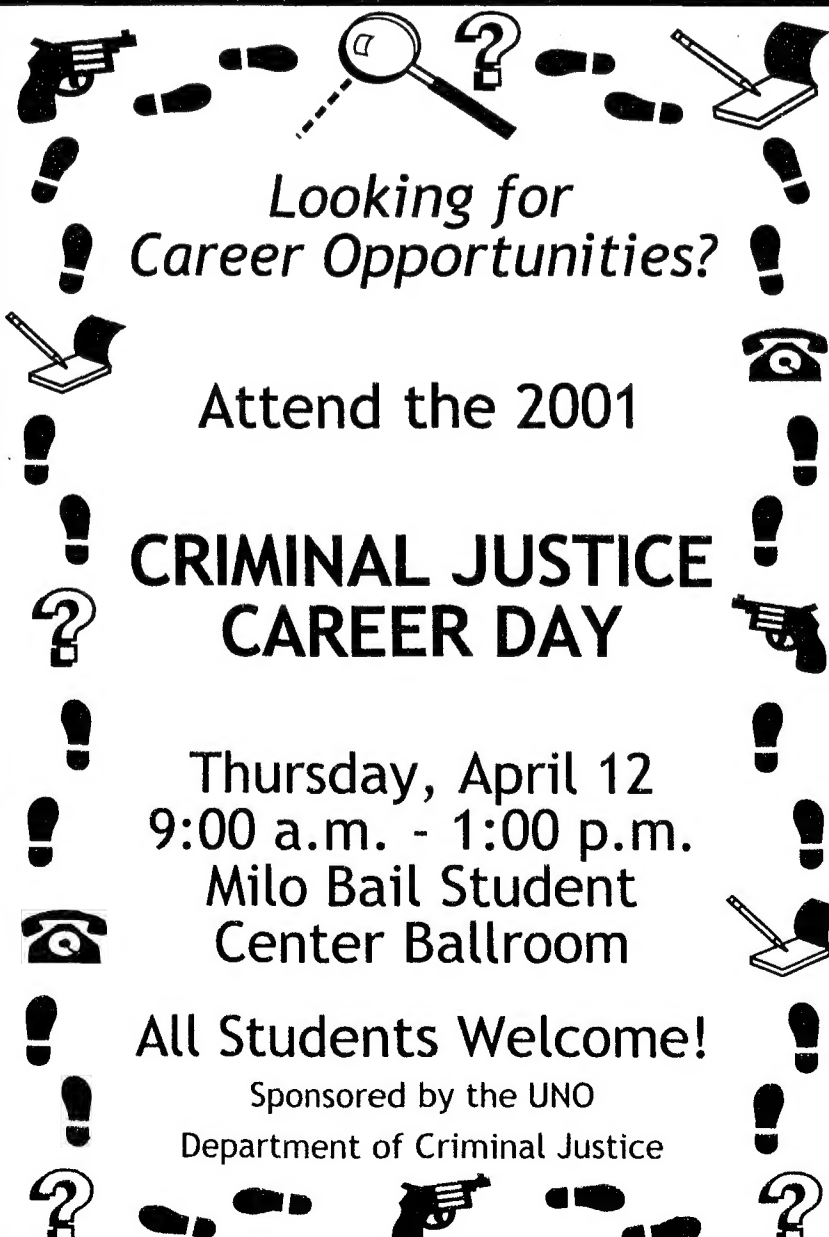
won.

There is a \$1 raffle fee, and the Sigma Kappas are also looking for donations for Alzheimer research.

"Last year we raised over \$4,000, so hopefully we get past that," Brittney Haak, public relations chairwoman, said.

Haak said Sigma Kappa is contacting KETV Channel 7 news station and several Omaha radio stations.

For more information contact Haak at 934-6933.



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Napster fans: RealNetworks' new service is off key

TMS Campus

Hoping to convert Napster's 50 million users into paying customers, three of the world's largest record companies have closed a deal to start an online music-subscription service by fall.

But experts and music fans say it'll be a tough sell.

The music industry, citing copyright infringement, squelched Napster's free online song-swapping service. But people may be unwilling to start paying because there are scores more sites offering pirated music at no charge.

What's more, the music labels will ask people to pay for songs they aren't allowed to keep.

MusicNet, announced Monday by RealNetworks Inc. and record-label owners AOL Time Warner Inc., Bertelsmann AG and EMI Group PLC — whose acts include Christina Aguilera, Eric Clapton and Santana — will let people download songs onto their PCs, the same as Napster.

But special software will prevent subscribers from saving songs on portable music players or burning them onto compact discs they can play elsewhere.

And if a customer cancels his subscription, the song files stop working.

Tunes downloaded from Napster and other pirated-music services are in the MP3 format. That means they can be freely copied, and they don't expire.

RealNetworks chairman and chief executive Rob Glaser, appointed chairman and interim chief executive of MusicNet, said the service is designed to make it virtually impossible for subscribers to copy songs. Concern about piracy has been one of the main reasons record companies haven't made a big push online.

But forcing users to listen to their songs only on a PC isn't good business, said Phil Leigh, a digital media analyst at Raymond James & Associates, a St. Petersburg investment firm.

"A big part of listening to music is in your car, not sitting at your desk," Leigh said.

MusicNet's target audience, which includes college students, also scoffed at the idea.

"I don't think anybody's going to pay for songs they can't keep," said Sterling Thomas, a Napster user and sophomore at Rollins College in Winter Park. "If you want that, you'll listen to the radio or watch MTV."

That isn't what RealNetworks wants to hear. The company spent a year working on the subscriber service, Glaser said in a conference call.

Under terms of the deal, the record labels and RealNetworks will each own a minority stake in MusicNet; RealNetworks will own the largest share, 40 percent. Each label will license music to the service on a nonexclusive basis; RealNetworks will provide the technology.

MusicNet will then contract with other companies to distribute the music. Its initial partners, AOL and RealNetworks, will tailor the service to their specific needs and set their own subscription rates, Glaser said.

Digital-media analysts say online music services probably will charge \$10 to \$15 a month.

The deal marks the first time so many major labels have agreed to license music for online distribution. Vivendi Universal SA and Sony Corp., whose acts include Eminem and Bruce Springsteen, plan to launch a fee-based online music service called Duet by summer.

But "Duet doesn't cut it, and neither does 'Trio'," said P.J. McNealy, a senior analyst with the Gartner Group, an e-commerce consulting company in Stamford, Conn.

"Consumers don't know music by label," so any service that doesn't have music from all five major labels may prove unpopular, McNealy said.

Still, despite its shortcomings, MusicNet represents a step forward, said Eric Scheirer, an analyst with Forrester Research, an e-commerce consulting company in Cambridge, Mass.

"The real good thing to me is that the labels are getting away from their fear that all these problems "over security and selection" need to be solved," Scheirer said. "They're not expecting everything to be square from day one."

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borderline with 2.0s or barely maintaining honor roll status.

"We (UNL Student Government) will be keeping an eye on the grades and if there is a significant drop in student GPAs, we'll look for ways to adjust the standards for the students," Fuerst said.

UNO Sen. Angelo Zieno has expressed similar concerns as to how the grading scale change would affect students here.

UNO's academic and curricular board passed a resolution to go ahead with a grading scale change in March.

John Bartle, a member of the faculty senate and head of the committee, said the resolution his committee approved will go up for a full senate vote at the April 11 meeting.

Zieno, in an independent effort, has begun a petition, located in the Student Government office, to keep the grading scale from being changed here. Zieno urged any student opposed to the change to sign the petition as well as to contact their student government representatives.

"The petition is to inform students of the proposed change to our current grading scale. In Lincoln the change was passed and then students were made aware of the change," Zieno said. "Also there is the possibility that the proposed change could have a negative impact on a student's GPA."

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Life, liberty and the pursuit of the economy

If one can say anything about the president's actions in the past weeks, it is that he wants more CO₂ in the air, more arsenic in the water, wants to forget about that global warming nonsense, doesn't mind if American workers suffer through preventable work-related injuries, would love to give the wealthiest one percent of our nation a big financial gift, is in favor of governmental religious favoritism and is yearning for a return of the good old days of the Cold War.

Most every action or rhetorical stance advanced by Bush has been for the one higher purpose that seems, almost singularly, to drive him: protecting the economy.

Even before he assumed the office, Bush was vocally abusing the economy, predicting a downturn. Now we have a downturn and he has the perfect excuse to exercise his pro-right, pro-corporation, draconian policies. His recent proposals only highlight how the political right is truly a tool for big corporations with more concern for their public images, profit margins, NASDAQ composites, Fortune 500 ratings and lobbying budgets than for the social or environmental impact of their companies.

Bush and his administration (a bunch of big-business zealots in their own rights) declared that more strict CO₂ emission standards would cripple the economy. Does that mean that global warming and various health risks that could cripple people aren't as important? They claimed that reducing the level of arsenic in American drinking water would somehow prevent the economy from making a recovery. Does that mean that slowly poisoning Americans doesn't really matter when measured against an economic recovery? Bush repealed Clinton administration regulations to force employers to adopt standards to reduce repetitive motion injuries because they claimed it would hurt



Left field

column by
Ryan McGrane

the effort to revive the economy. Does that mean our administration cares about employee's health until it gets in the way of a vibrant economy?

I may be young, idealistic and even a bit naive, but was our nation founded upon majestic ideas or economic predictions? Too much emphasis is placed on what the minute-to-minute status of the Dow or NASDAQ is. Americans have been inculcated to believe the entire future of our country and democracy rests on if the market's finish up or down for the year.

I long for the day when we are more concerned about human rights abuses in China instead of its unbelievable untapped market potential. Or for the day when idealists occupy the White House again. I look forward to the day when another Lyndon Johnson sits in the Oval Office, someone who believes in a Great Society. Or when a \$2 trillion tax cut is passed by the House and 43 percent of it doesn't go to the wealthiest one percent of our country, but to the lower and middle classes who had never seen that unprecedented economic growth everyone had been raving about.

If Bush is so entirely consumed by the economy, why doesn't he search for a way to genuinely strengthen it by destroying the inequities so deeply embedded in it now? In a regular feature for The Nation, Doug Henwood exposes startling statistics and observes that while most analysis focuses on

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The China standoff

We have 24 soldiers being detained in China. Several days ago, a Chinese fighter jet brushed a Navy reconnaissance plane, causing the Navy plane to do an emergency landing on Chinese land. At this moment, China has refused to return our soldiers or our plane.

This situation only worsens the already strained relations we share with China; however, by not returning our soldiers and our plane, China is making the situation a lot worse than it needs to be.

During the week, the Bush administration has made it clear that patience is running low. I'm happy to hear that this new administration isn't going to be so soft with China. What I wasn't happy to hear was that U.S. warships in China's surrounding waters were pulled back away from China.

The U.S. has to send a clear message to the government of China. They need to know that if they do anything to our soldiers or plane there will be repercussions.

Pulling U.S. warships back from China was a mistake. The deployment of more warships to the area was in order. If more ships were deployed, China would receive the



The right way

column by
Aaron Winters

message that we don't mess around. And just because we would have warships in the area doesn't mean they would be used in an act of war — in this situation they would act as a deterrent. And if China were to try anything risky, we would be there to eliminate the risk.

There are only advantages to having a military presence in the area. China would get a message and would be deterred from attempting to engage.

However, a military presence is important for the two previous reasons, and I see another good reason. There's no doubt about it, we have the best military in the world. We also have the best special ops teams in the world. If this situation progresses, and after a long period of time China doesn't let our soldiers go and they don't return our plane, we should go in and forcibly get our soldiers and our plane. If we want to come in, we're coming in.

It may not sound like it, but I do hope this current situation is solved through good use of diplomacy. I want our soldiers home just as much as anyone else, and I want our plane back just as much as anyone else without there being any more loss of life.

Cruisin' the news



Capel cottage revue

column by David Johnson

• The Fool Monty

Elaine Woodcock went to the R&J Agency to hire a male stripper for her daughter's 18th birthday party. She gave implicit instructions the stripper should be a "hunky policeman" who would "take it all off" and "carry her daughter away." Who the agency sent was a short, skinny, guy who weighed less than Woodcock's daughter. When he took off his pants, he revealed only a male G-string with a furry little teddy bear covering his maleness. Mrs. Woodcock is suing R&J. "It's appropriate we're going to the Small Claims Court," Woodcock said, "because there wasn't a great deal to see."

No lady, I said he was a Chippendork Dancer.

• Hey, It's Just Anatomy!

The Brazilian Regional Nursing Council has ordered "Playboy" magazine not to put model Ariane Latuf on its April cover dressed only in a surgical mask and pink nurse's cap. Brazil's nurses are angry that such a cover would give the wrong impression of their profession. "Playboy" is appealing the decision on the grounds the order violated freedom of the press.

Anatomy is something everybody has ... it just looks better on nurses.

• Guinness To Genius

In an effort to improve the education of millions of people who would not normally attend college, England has embarked on a campaign to install computers into 1,000 pubs. Brits can now quaff a pint and take a computer lesson at the same time. "Our goal is to give people of all ages easy access to learning," Education Secretary David Blunkett said.

Burp and surf?

• That TV May Cost You More Than You Think

Psychologists Karen Pine and Avril Nash believe using your TV as a "babysitter" may cost you in the long run. Their research indicates kids who watch lots of TV and commercials have much longer lists for Santa Claus (up to 5-6 times longer) than light watchers. The list grows extensively during the five weeks leading up to Christmas. Other studies show that half of 6 and 7-year-olds have their own television sets. "These young children don't know what ads are," Dr. Pine said. "They think

they are to entertain and inform, like a public service announcement."

It's true. The other editors said if I didn't buy a Malibu Barbie, they wouldn't play with me anymore.

• When You Eat A Big Drumstick, And Your Stomach Gets Real Sick ... Diarrhea, Diarrhea.

Dr. Fresie Fernandez, at the University of Bristol, has come up with a feed additive (xylanase) for chickens, which will rid the birds of the bacterium, campylobacter. Campylobacter infects chickens, and when the birds are not cooked properly, can give humans stomach cramps and diarrhea. Tests have proved to be 99 percent effective.

It's good to keep abreast of these things, or get a leg up, information-wise. I just hate having to wing it. Hey, is that another chicken joke?

• Saving Money, The Military Way

With the British Army busy planning rescue operations in Sierra Leone, patrolling the streets of Kosovo and culling sheep in the disease-ridden farmlands of England, the Defense Council is understandably worried about money. So, in an effort to cut costs, it has released a six-step formula (Defense Council Instruction 33/0) to save thousands ... buy cheaper dog bowls for military guard dogs. Units will now have to get at least two price estimates before filling out the paperwork to request purchase of a dog bowl.

I think they've gone bark-raving mad.

• Born Short

Researchers at the National Public Health Institute in Helsinki, Finland, say males born short, and who stay short throughout their lives, are less likely to marry. According to Dr. David Phillips, 20 percent of boys who weighed less than five pounds at birth never marry. In addition, those who were below average in height and weight at age 15 are less likely to marry than those who are average or above. "There is a close agreement which implies that the effect is real," Phillips said. "But, the causes remain obscure."

Never mind, at least you can get a job at R&J as a dancer.



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April movie previews

April 6th:

"Along Came a Spider"

They should have named this one "Along Came a Lame-Ass 'Prequel," because that's what this is going to be. "Kiss the Girls" wasn't very good at all. In fact, the only thing creepy about this supposed thriller is Monica Potter ("Head Over Heels"), who looks like Bizarro Julia Roberts. Prediction: C+

"Blow"

Let's pretend I haven't already seen this film. I would have assumed it would be a damn good film, given the true-life story of the man who introduced cocaine into popular culture and the inclusion of Johnny Depp, Paul Reubens (a.k.a. Pee-wee Herman) and Franke Potente ("Run Lola Run"). Oh, and Penelope Cruz. Of course, I would have been dead wrong. But for honesty's sake ... Prediction: A-

"Just Visiting"

A remake of a French film that wasn't all that funny in the first place — isn't that ingenious? Jean Reno, who is normally very cool, is a medieval lord who, along with his servant, is magically transported to present-day Chicago. The pair "slay" a red Geo Tracker, eat lipstick and fraternize with Christina Applegate (who is ugly, by the way) and Tara Reid (who also is ugly, by the way). This film will suck. Prediction: D+

"Pokemon 3"

Erm ... isn't this fad dead yet? Prediction: D (if Pikachu lives), B+ (if Pikachu dies, as is rumored on the Internet), F (if Pikachu dies but is resurrected as a super-duper new pocket monster, as is also rumored on the Internet).

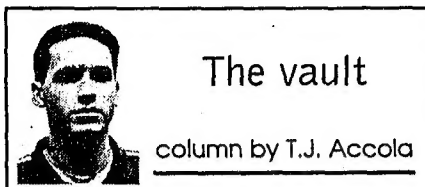
April 13th:

"The Adventures of Joe Dirt"

If you'll recall, this film was initially set to be released last month. Thus, I previewed it ... last month. And unless Van Halen and the mullet are back in style, this film will be lucky to make \$300. I would say that if David Spade was back in style, that would help —but David Spade was never in style in the first place, so there you go. Prediction: C-

"Bridget Jones' Diary"

This film, about a young Londonite woman searching for happiness, comes too close on the heels of "Someone Like You."



The vault

column by T.J. Accola

So what if it's based on a best-selling book beloved by millions of females? "Bonfire of the Vanities" was too, and look what happened when they made that into a film. Hugh Grant is also in this film, as if the guys out there needed any other reason not to go see this film. And just so you know: if your girlfriend manages to drag you to this film, you are officially whipped. Congrats! Prediction: B-

"Josie and the Pussycats"

If they just had to make a live-action film of an old cartoon, couldn't it at least have been "Captain Caveman?" Rachel Leigh Cook is pretty hot, but the inclusion of Tara Reid (see above) negates that. Carson "Hello, my name is Carson Daly and I'm a massive tool" Daly, Seth "The only good movie I was ever in was 'Airborne'" Green and Breckin "The only good movie I was ever in was 'Go'" Meyer all make cameos. Prediction: C

April 20th:

"Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles"

'Paul Hogan': Australian for 'washed-up.' What will this film be other than a 90-minute Subaru commercial? Prediction: C-

"Freddy Got Fingered"

How the hell did they get this title past the MPAA censors? Of course, only Tom Green could be responsible for such comic (and I use the term "comic" very loosely) mayhem. I can't really describe the various vignettes shown in the trailer, but I will say the funniest bit involves sausages hanging from the ceiling by strings, a piano and meat cutlet earrings. Prediction: B-

April 27th:

"Driven"

Sylvester Stallone reunites with director Renny Harlin ("Cliffhanger," "Deep Blue Sea") for this film about a veteran Formula One driver. The plot is either a secret or nonexistent, most likely the latter. However, there should be enough 200-mph action to satisfy most males. Consider taking your girlfriend to this movie as payoff for "Bridget Jones' Diary." Prediction: B

Spineshank back in big '0'

Christine Hollister

Drummer Tommy Decker of L.A.-based quartet Spineshank has an interesting claim to fame — he says he has visited almost every mall in America.

"We're total geeks," Decker said. "We've forgotten how to be cool because every night we play a show and when we don't do that it's like, OK, what do we do? You go to a strip club or you go to a mall."

Several years ago, Spineshank singer Jonny Santos placed an ad in the L.A. magazine the Recycler looking for a new addition to his junior high band. "Drummer wanted, just to jam, influences Ozzy, Guns and Roses and Dio."

"So I answered that ad and we ended up playing punk rock 'cause that's all we could," Decker said. "We were so bad."

Now, nearly 13 years later, Decker and Santos are still jamming together, along with Mike Sarkisyan on guitar and Robert Garcia on bass. They formed what is known as Spineshank in 1996 and have been winning over crowds with their heavy, slightly electronic sound ever since.

"Our whole lives revolve around each other, which is very sad and sickening to me," Decker said. "But it's all we've done for the past few years and it's cool — it's like a little family."

After signing with Roadrunner Records, Spineshank's debut album "Strictly Diesel" was released in 1998.

"There were a lot of people watering down our ideas, so I don't think it was really the record we wanted to make," Decker said. "It



Spineshank will play Sokol on Sunday.

definitely was a step in the right direction to get us to where we are now, but it really wasn't the vision we wanted."

The band's newly released sophomore effort, "The Height of Callousness," burst onto two Billboard charts, the Top New Artist Chart and the Top 200 Album Chart, landing the #13 and #183 spots respectively. The first single, "Synthetic," has been receiving abundant airplay nationwide and the video had been featured on MTV.

"When we went in with this record, it just gave everyone the freedom to do what we wanted," Decker said. "We said, 'We don't care what anyone says and we're gonna go in and make a record that we're proud of,' and that's what we did."

Even though Spineshank's last tour was ended by a string of personal problems and

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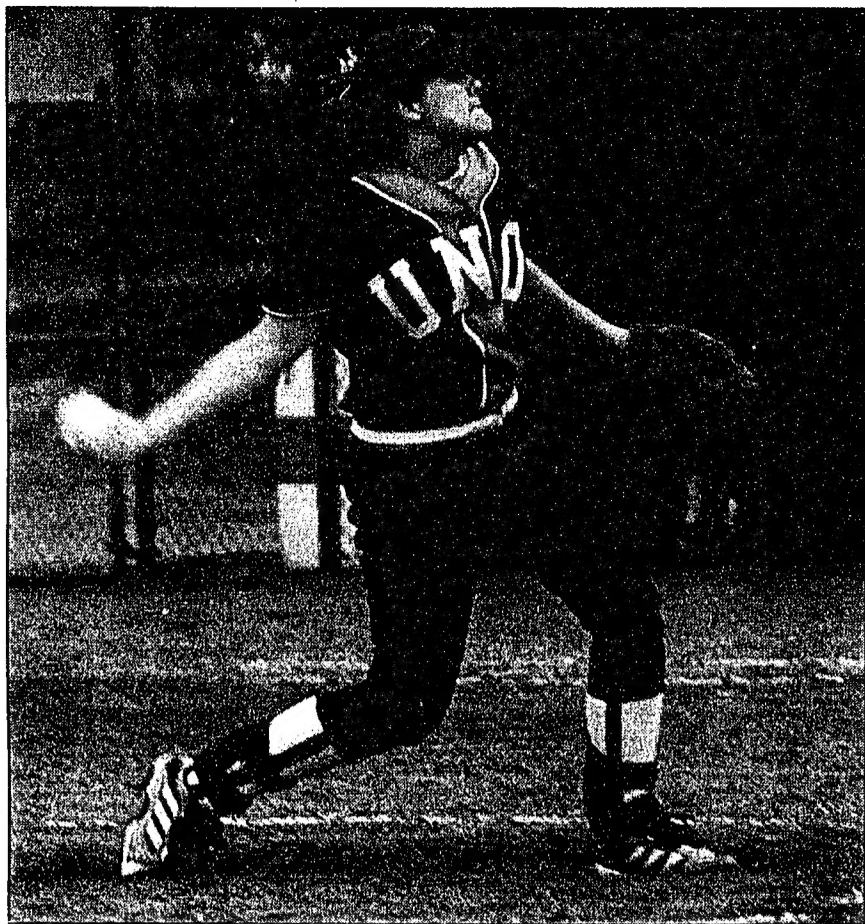
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"Laser Majic" Mallory Kountze Planetarium, Durham Science Center. This weekend is your last chance to see shows featuring music from the Doors at 7 p.m., Creed at 8:30 p.m. and Nine Inch Nails at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. For more information, call the physics hotline at 554-3722 or check out the Web site at www.physics.unomaha.edu.

"Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet)" Weber Fine Arts Theater.

See UNO's production of the Shakespearean-themed comedy this weekend and next, April 6-7 and 11-14. Shows begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$7 for adults. For more information, call 554-3062.

"Bradley Allen Trio" Joslyn Art Museum, 2200 Dodge St. The Bradley Allen Trio is featured in this month's First Friday Jam installment. The jazz concert runs from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$4 for Joslyn members, \$6 for the general public. For more information, call 342-3300.



Michelle Manthei (at a recent game) won two games against USD from the mound Tuesday, improving her mark to 11-2 on the year.

Mav softball too wily for USD Coyotes

David M. Johnson

The UNO women's softball team traveled to Vermillion, S.D., April 3 for a double-dip against North Central Conference foe South Dakota. Senior Michelle Manthei tossed both ends and came away with both victories as UNO downed USD 7-2 and 8-0.

Game 1

Manthei gave up two runs in the first inning when USD pitcher Janice Alswager homered to left center and catcher Tiffany Davis singled home Cara Ellwanger. Those were the only runs the Coyotes saw all day.

UNO countered with seven runs on nine hits, four walks and four Coyote errors. All of the Mav hits were singles, but the team strung them together at the right times.

Center fielder Jenny Redlinger went 2-3 with two runs scored. First baseman Tiffany Jones also was 2-3 with a pair of RBIs. Right fielder Kelly Moats finished the game 1-2 with an RBI and a run scored.

Catcher Sarah Scheppers drove in a run with a single as did second sacker Kelli Lentz.

Manthei struck out eight batters, improving to 10-2 on the season.

Game 2

Left fielder Erin Drinnin and right fielder Kelly Moats each homered for the Mavs, providing all the power pitcher Michelle Manthei (11-2) needed. UNO out-muscled USD 8-0 in the nightcap, improving to 25-3 for the year.

Manthei's sixth shutout performance this season dropped her ERA to a minuscule 0.72. She struck out seven in the game, raising her season mark to 90 K's, while walking four and giving up just four hits.

Moats and Drinnin each drove in three runs with their blasts. Designated hitter Jennifer Carson scored two runs on 1-4 at the plate. Scheppers was 1-3 with a run scored and an RBI. Redlinger and shortstop Jill Peterson also had base raps.

The Mavericks host the NCC North/South Showdown this weekend. UNO plays St. Cloud State, South Dakota State and Minnesota State-Mankato April 7, then faces off against North Dakota State and North Dakota on April 8. All games will be played in Sioux City, Iowa.

Bluejays next foe for soccer crew

Melissa Kucirek

The Creighton Bluejays women's soccer team will face the UNO soccer team April 7 in a spring exhibition match at Aksarben field.

The 1 p.m. event is the fourth meeting between UNO, 2000 North Central Conference Champs, and Creighton, of the NCAA Division I Missouri Valley Conference.

CU Head Coach Bruce Erickson saw his team take a 4-3 victory over the Mavs on Sept. 19 in an exhibition match. Bluejay freshman standout Krystle Campa scored all

four of CU's goals.

Creighton outshot UNO 21-11 in that game. UNO goaltender Michelle Villanueva recorded 13 saves on the day.

Despite their conference title, the Mavs did not make the post-season tournament. That may change this fall. The number of regional teams pulled for the playoffs will increase from two to three. In addition, the Great Lakes Valley Conference, including NCAA Division II runner-up Northern Kentucky, is being moved out of the Great Plains Region. This should allow UNO to move up in the regional rankings.

Tennis back on track

David M. Johnson

The UNO women's tennis team out-dueled Midland Lutheran College 7-2 on April 2 in Fremont, Neb., to raise its record to 6-3.

Junior Bridgette Komasincki kept her slate clean with a 6-1, 6-4 win over Stacey Howard. She is now 9-0 for the season.

Sophomore Jennika Schmidt (7-2), UNO's No. 2 singles player, came out of her short slump with a 6-1, 6-0 drubbing of Jennifer Handley.

Shannon Dinovo (5-4), Mikaila Spalding (7-2) and Lindsay Loveland (6-3) all recorded wins for the Mavs in singles competition.

Senior Maggie Wear teamed up with Schmidt in the doubles match to down MLC's Abby Schaap and Shalan Wewel 8-4. Wear and Schmidt are 8-1 on the year in doubles play.

Dinovo and Loveland (6-3 as a team) powered past the Warriors' pair of Elissa de Freese and Gina Dowlis 8-5 in the final match of the day.

UNO heads next to Lincoln to battle Doane College. That meeting is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on April 10 at Woods Park. Head Coach Pete Fiumefreddo III is in his first season at the helm of Tigers tennis. Doane College is an NAIA school, and is part of the Great Plains Athletic Conference.

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American's income as the financial measuring stick, no one looks at wealth. As if the income disparity isn't disgusting enough, the wealth (or what people actually own) is even more blatantly concentrated. While the richest 20 percent of households in the nation receive 50 percent of all income, they control 80 percent of all wealth. These are not very fluid statistics

either; they remain fairly static. In viewing the total distribution of wealth, one can find that the bottom 40 percent of Americans own 0.2 percent of all the wealth in the country.

Average Americans and their welfare are treated as ancillary to the greater good of the economy. I believe that this country was founded upon a basis of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, not the supreme prosperity of the economy.

The big concert update

OMAHA:

4/08 Disturbed—Sokol Auditorium
4/10 Deep Banana Blackout—Music Box
4/14 Yngwie Malmsteen—Ranch Bowl
4/26 Crazy Town—Sokol Auditorium
4/29 Kottonmouth Kings—Ranch Bowl
5/03 Frank Black and the Catholics—Music Box
5/09 The Big Wu—Ranch Bowl
5/09 Tesla—Sokol Auditorium

LINCOLN:

4/20 Sick Of It All—Knickerbockers
4/21 Southern Culture on the Skids—Knickerbockers
4/21 Static-X—Royal Grove
4/23 Bob Dylan—Pershing Auditorium
4/24 Juvenile—Royal Grove
5/02 The Vibrators—Knickerbockers
5/16 Hed PE—Royal Grove
5/18 Vice Squad—Knickerbockers
5/25 Cappadonna—Knickerbockers

COUNCIL BLUFFS:

5/26 Sweetstock Four—Westfair Amphitheater

AMES, Iowa:

5/13 Sting—Hilton Coliseum
5/14 Ben Harper—Stephens Auditorium

BONNER SPRINGS, Kan.:

5/13 Styx—Sandstone Amphitheater
6/19 Ozzfest—Sandstone Amphitheater
7/15 Brooks and Dunn—Sandstone Amphitheater
7/28 Journey—Sandstone Amphitheater
8/15 James Taylor—Sandstone Amphitheater

LAWRENCE, Kan.:

4/08 Phunk Junkeez—Bottleneck
4/09 Tim Reynolds—Liberty Hall
4/10 Soulfly—Liberty Hall
4/12 Hatebreed—Bottleneck
4/16 Bside Players—Bottleneck
4/16 Mop—Granada
4/17 Semisonic—Granada
4/17 At The Drive In—Liberty Hall
4/18 Deep Banana Blackout—Granada
4/19 Dropkick Murphys—Granada
4/21 Sick Of It All—Bottleneck
4/23 Digital Underground—Granada
4/24 The Orb—Granada
4/26 Old 97s—Bottleneck
5/01 Keller Williams—Bottleneck
5/02 Indigenous—Granada
5/02 Frank Black and the Catholics—Bottleneck
5/05 The Melvins—Bottleneck
5/08 Granddaddy—Bottleneck
5/10 BR5-49—Liberty Hall
5/14 Martin Sexton—Bottleneck
5/15 Project Object—Bottleneck
6/01 U.S. Bombs—Bottleneck

KANSAS CITY, Mo.:

4/12 Billy Joel & Elton John—Kemper Arena
4/18 Yngwie Malmsteen—Beaumont Club
4/20 Trick Pony—Beaumont Club
4/21 Vince Neil Band—Beaumont Club
4/22 Southern Culture on the Skids—Grand Emporium
4/22 Psychedelic Furs—Beaumont Club
4/26 Kottonmouth Kings—Beaumont Club
5/10 Hed PE—Beaumont Club
7/29 Brian Setzer—Beaumont Club

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Horoscopes

Predictions by Madame Zora

Aries (March 21 – April 19)

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Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

This week you will be craving hot dogs. Save time by eating them frozen with the fish sticks.

Gemini (May 21 – June 21)

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Cancer (June 22 – July 22)

Every time you turn your back, your TV shuts off. The TV repair guy says there's nothing wrong. Maybe he's a part of the conspiracy.

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22)

All this week you will try to get your tongue to touch your nose. Forget it, sonny. Some of us have the power and some don't.

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22)

Your power color this week is orangy-blue. Color your hair with it.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 23)

You dream that invisible squirrels are out to get you. They jump all over you and bite at you. When you wake up you notice your sheets have been pecked at.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 – Nov. 21)

One more to go and she's so near, but will she make it? She fakes it. The crowd goes wild, but then gets mild. She's going for the kill. Time's up, they've hit the drill.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)

Your words make no sense this week. Take a vacation. I am your, your words.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)

Watching the Teletubbies has been one of your guilty pleasures. Enjoying a half hour with LaLa and the gang just cheers you up. This is plain wrong. You are just too old now. I think it's time for Telly bye-bye.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)

What's that smell? I think it's about time to change your socks.



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stolen equipment, the band was still eager to get back on the road to promote the second album.

"We've been out on the road basically doing it every night," Decker said. "We're getting the same cities and we're starting to see the difference and kids are really starting to get into Spineshank."

"We're not one of those bands that's miserable to be where we are," Decker continued. "We love playing. I mean this is why we're in this and we're lucky enough to have the opportunity so we're gonna do our best to rock it every night."

But Decker says that not all fans have been appreciative of the band's efforts.

He remembers a night the band was playing in Detroit with Disturbed. On his way in to go watch the Disturbed set, Decker noticed a large man with a bloody face sitting on the floor with a blanket wrapped around him. He said that was the point where it all turned into slow motion.

"The security guy was like, 'Look out — he's coming!' and I turn around and see this big guy getting up and the blanket falls off of him and he's got no pants on," Decker said. "He's drunk and he just starts charging me — he's like 300 pounds and 6 feet tall and I dodged behind a door and he mows through security. Then all the security got together and got him and threw him outside and continued to beat the crap out

of him, and they didn't give him a blanket after that, so there's just a big naked man trying to get back in the club. It was really weird, but I thought it was pretty funny."

Spineshank has toured with (Hed)pe, Fear Factory, Machinehead, Coal Factory, Static-X and Orgy and enjoy the music of their counterparts, but when they get back on the bus, they enjoy listening to "mostly really mellow stuff" like the Beatles and Tom Petty.

"Our bass player is constantly listening to the Beach Boys," Decker said. "The music we play is so heavy that after we get off stage, we don't want to hear heavy bands, so we bust out the Weezer or something."

Decker and the members of Spineshank enjoy talking with their fans, and Decker said the most flattering thing fans have done is draw pictures of them.

"We realize this is a very weird business and you're only as good as your last record or your last tour," Decker said. "It's a very unforgiving business and the ones that make it happen for you are your fans."

Spineshank will play on Sunday at Sokol Hall with Disturbed, Godhead and Mudvayne.

"The fans need to get down to the show because it's a great bill and they're gonna have fun," Decker said. "And what else is there to do in Omaha on a Sunday? Just malls and strip clubs and we'll probably be at a strip club after the show anyway, so you're going to see us either way, damn it."



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